PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIRST CONVENTION

OF THE

FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

OF THE

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

HELD ON

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DEC. 16 & 17, 1880,

AT THE

GRAND OPERA HOUSE,

READING, PA.

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We, the delegates of the several companies comprising the Volunteer Fire Department of Pennsylvania, in Convention assembled, feeling the necessity of combined action, hereby form ourselves into an Association to be called the

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But all Companies represented in this Association must be in full accord and in good standing in the Fire Department of which they are members; and if at any time they are not so, they shall forfeit all right to membership in this Association.

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only be entitled to cast said vote at said annual meeting, and such special meetings as shall be regularly called before the next annual meeting. And such Chief Engineer shall only be entitled to vote for the term he shall serve as such.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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1. Presentation of Credentials.
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HELD ON

THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 16, 1880,

AT THE

GRAND OPERA HOUSE,

At 8 O'clock.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE, Reading, Pa., December 16th, 1880.

Mr. John Fleming, President of the Firemen's Union and Chairman of the Committee on Convention of Volunteer Firemen of the State of Pennsylvania, called the Convention to order. The Chief Engineers of the different Fire Departments were assigned seats in the rear of the stage with the Committee on Convention.

Mr. Fleming, as Chairman of the Committee, delivered the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

GENTLEMEN AND DELEGATES OF THE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA:—It becomes my duty as President of the Firemen's Union of the City of Reading, where the first steps towards forming a State Association of Volunteer Firemen were taken; and also as Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, to open the proceedings of this Convention, and endeavor to place you on a straight road towards effecting a permanent organization; at the same time it might be proper for me to lay before you some of the reasons which prompted us to endeavor to effect such an organization, and also some of the objects and benefits which we expect to accomplish. At a regular monthly meeting of the Firemen's Union of the City of Reading, held on October 18th, 1880, it was unanimously resolved that a committee of one from each Company be appointed for the purpose of issuing a call to the various Volunteer Fire Companies of the State of Pennsylvania, east of the Alleghanies, to appoint one or more delegates from each Company for the purpose of forming a State Association. The Committee immediately organized and issued a call for a Convention to be held, in the City of Reading, on December 16th, 1880. The very hearty response that has been made to that "General Alarm" is the best evidence that I can give you, that the Volunteer Firemen of the State were fully aroused to the necessity for, and the benefits to be derived from such an organization. It is our object to have a central or-

ganization where the best minds of our great brotherhood may annually come together and exchange with one another the experience of a lifetime how we may best conquer the great destroyer, how we may best promote the welfare of our companies and elevate the standard of our membership, anything that will increase the efficiency of our Fire Companies will be a fit subject for your deliberations. To advocate the enactment of wholesome laws for the general benefit of the departments, and to take a position in the front rank of the grand march of improvement. Time will not permit me, nor have I the ability to lay before you all the subjects which should command your attention; but let me assure you that as time rolls on each particular subject will present itself for your consideration. Trusting that your deliberations will be beneficial to yourselves, the company you represent, and the Volunteer Firemen in general; and that your visit to our city may be both pleasant and profitable, in the name of the Fire Department of the City of Reading, I bid you a most hearty welcome.

Mr. John McKnight then introduced H. A. Tyson, Mayor of the City, who in a brief speech, spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:—I will not entail upon you a lengthy speech; but as Chief Executive, I extend a hearty welcome to this city. It is the wish of the *Junior*, to which I belong, that the bright rays of the *Rainbow* may shine upon you, and it is my desire that while in the City of *Reading*, the third city of the *Keystone* state, you will enjoy that *Friendship* and *Liberty* which was handed down by *Washington*, and that you will *Neversink* until long after the waters of the springs of *Hampden* have run dry.

Mr. Wolfinger, of Harrisburg, nominated the Hon. A. M. Rhoads, of Carlisle, as temporary chairman.

On motion, the nomination was closed, there being no opposition.

On motion, it was resolved that Hon. A. M. Rhoads be elected temporary chairman by acclamation.

Messrs. John McKnight, of the Keystone, and F. P. Heller, of the Junior of Reading, were appointed a committee of two to escort him to the chair.

Hon. A. M. Rhoads in taking the same thanked the gentlemen present for the honor conferred upon him in choosing him as their temporary chairman.

Gentlemen of this Convention:—I certainly do thank you most sincerely and earnestly for this very sudden and unexpected honor. It is true that during the short time in which I shall preside over you, my duties will be of a comparatively light nature; but I hope I shall perform them in such a manner as to not only reflect credit in myself, but upon the Firemen of Pennsylvania in General Convention assembled. Again thanking you for this honor, I now announce that the chair is ready to receive nominations for temporary Secretary.

Mr. Ancona, of Reading, nominated W. W. Wunder, of Reading, as temporary secretary, which was made unanimous.

On motion, it was resolved that the roll be called. After considerable debate it was resolved that each company be represented by one delegate.

The question then arose, shall this call be for Fire Departments for Eastern Pennsylvania only, or whether Fire Departments west of the Alleghanies be recognized for the organization of a State Association.

After a lengthy discussion it was finally,

On motion of Mr. Green, of Carlisle, resolved that this be a "Convention of Volunteer Firemen of Pennsylvania."

The subject of allowing Chief Engineers of the Fire Departments a vote in the Convention was next brought up, and after considerable debate they were allowed a voice in the Convention.

Mr. W. H. Horn, of Catasaqua, moved that the names of Mr. C. H. Sliney and Mr. Coffer, both of the New York State Firemen's Association be allowed seats on the floor. Which was so agreed.

Mr. Thomas, of Lebanon, moved that the Convention go into nomination for permanent Officers of the Convention, amended that there be a committee of five appointed on permanent organization. So agreed.

The motion as amended that a committee of five be appointed. So ordered.

Committee—Messrs. S. S. Childs, of Harrisburg; S. E. Ancona, of Reading; W. P. Kelly, of Scranton; M. S. Longaker, of Pottstown; and John Schenk, of Altoona.

A recess of ten minutes was then taken to allow the committee time to report.

After calling the Convention to order, Mr. McKnight, of the Keystone of Reading, tendered his resignation in favor of W. W. Wunder alternate, and delegate of the Firemen's Union of Reading, the resignation was accepted and the alternate allowed his seat.

The Chairman of the Committee on Permanent Organization reported as follows:

READING, December 16th, 1880.

To the Convention of Delegates of the Volunteer Firemen's Convention of Pennsylvania :

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee appointed to report a list of officers for a permanent organization of this body, would respectfully report that they have agreed on the following:

One President.
Two Vice-Presidents.
One Recording Secretary.
One Corresponding Secretary.
One Treasurer.
Eleven Members of Executive Committee.

Yours, &c.,
S. S. CHILDS,
S. E. ANCONA,
W. P. KELLY,
M. S. LONGAKER,
JNO. SCHENK,
Committee.

On motion, the report of the committee was adopted.

A motion to adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow was lost.

On motion of Sel. S. Thomas, of Lebanon, that the Convention go into nomination for candidates for permanent president. Which was so agreed.

Mr. S. S. Childs, of Harrisburg, nominated the Hon. Al. K. Nebinger, of Harrisburg.

Mr. Moyer, of Pottsville, nominated B. Bryson McCool. of Pottsvlle, and John R. Phillippi, of Reading, nominated H. A. Derr, of Norristown.

On motion, the nominations were closed. So ordered.

The chairman appointed Messrs. J. L. Meloy, of Carlisle, and M. S. Longaker, of Pottstown, as tellers. It was on motion resolved that no proxies be received as a vote from companies not represented.

It was then moved that the roll be called, and each delegate arise in his seat and state his vote, amended that the vote be by ballot, the amendment was lost, and the original motion was carried. The roll was then called and the Convention proceeded to a choice with the following result:

A. K. Nebinger, received 31 votes.
B. Bryson McCool, " 24 "
Henry A. Derr, " 58 "

Before announcing the vote, Mr. Nebinger, of Harrisburg, moved that the election of Mr. H. A. Derr be made unanimous, and was seconded by Mr. B. B. McCool, of Pottsville. Which was adopted.

The chair appointed Messrs. A. K. Nebinger and B. B. McCool as a committee of two to conduct Mr. Derr to the chair.

Mr. Derr in a short address thanked the delegates for the honor conferred upon him in electing him their first President.

GENTLEMEN AND FELLOW FIREMEN :—I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me by electing me to this responsible position, President of the Firemen's Association of the State of Pennsylvania, and in taking my seat, knowing the responsibility attached to the office, I will endeavor to perform the duties to the best of my ability.

On motion, it was resolved that we go into nomination for two Vice Presidents, of which the following were placed in nomination. H. F. Ferber, of Scranton; W. H. Horn, of Catasaqua; James H. Marshall, of Lancaster; and Jere. Carl, of York.

On motion, the nominations were closed.

On motion, that the delegates vote for two of the candidates, the one receiving the highest number of votes be First Vice President, and the next highest Second Vice President. The roll was then called and resulted as follows:

H. F. Ferber, received 60 votes.
W. H. Horn, " 40 "
Jas. H. Marshall, " 32 "
Jere. Carl, " 44 "

Messrs. H. F. Ferber, of Scranton, and Jere. Carl, of York, were announced as elected Vice Presidents.

Nominations for Secretary were then opened.

Mr. B. B. McCool, of Pottsville, moved that W. W. Wunder, of Reading, be elected Recording Secretary by acclamation. Which was unanimously agreed to.

GENTLEMEN—I thank you for the honor conferred upon me in electing me to this important position, not being a speech maker, but a better worker for Firemen's Interests, which I shall endeavor to further at all times.

Mr. S. H. Ettla, of Harrisburg, was on motion elected by acclamation Corresponding Secretary; and Mr. Geo. L. Roberts, of Bradford, was unanimously elected Treasurer by acclamation.

On motion, it was resolved that the President and the Vice Presidents nominate the eleven members as the Executive Committee, and report to the Convention to-morrow morning. So agreed.

On motion of Mr. S. S. Childs, of Harrisburg, that the President appoint a committee of seven to frame a Constitution and By-Laws.

Committee—Messrs. W. W. Wunder, of Reading; Al. K. Nebinger, of Harrisburg; B. B. McCool, of Pottsville; J. K. Barr, of Lancaster; John Slingluff, of Norristown; M. McMahon, of Bradford; and Jere. Carl, of York.

The Convention, on motion, then adjourned until Friday morning, December 17th, at 9 o'clock.

W. W. WUNDER,
Recording Secretary, Firemen's Association, State of Penna.

MORNING SESSION.

December 17th, 1880.

The Convention called to order at 9.30 A. M., by the President H. A. Derr.

The President announced the following members as the Executive Committee:

B. Bryson McCool, of Pottsville.
S. B. Stillwell, of Scranton.
Wm. J. McGarvey, of Oil City.
George H. Spang, of Lebanon.
Jas. B. Ziegler, of York.
Charles Sharpless, of Chester.
James H. Marshall, of Lancaster.
Well. Van Reed, of Reading.
Wm. H. Horn, of Catasaqua.
Samuel Owen, of Shamokin.
Jacob L. Meloy, of Carlisle.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws not being ready to report,

Mr. C. H. Sliney, a member of the Executive Committee of the New York State Association, delivered an address as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND BROTHER FIREMEN OF PENNSYLVANIA:

I wish to preface these few remarks addressed to you by saying that I am not a public speaker, that is not my business, and under no circumstances whatever would I consent to address any body of men as willingly and cheerfully as I do the Volunteer Firemen of this great state, and in coming before you I do not feel as among strangers for various reasons. In the first we are all firemen laboring together in the same cause striving to benefit our fellow man and another reason that living as I do on the boundary line that divides New York and Pennsylvania, my home Waverly being in New York and South Waverly in Pennsylvania, the dividing line is generally considered the New York, Lake Erie and Western R. R. and having no Fire Department in South Waverly we are often called upon to battle with the fiery fiend in behalf of our Pennsylvania neighbors and in fact we have Pennsylvania boys in our department who are active and honored members one being at present Foremen of one of our companies. I have been a fireman from boyhood, from the torch boy to the front rank, and a member of the Volunteer Firemen's Association from the beginning and I can testify to its beneficial results to the firemen throughout the state of New York, you may ask from whence do these benefits come? from the interchange of thought and the practical and useful knowledge gained at our annual meetings, of course every company feels a just pride in sending as its representative to these conventions its best and most efficient working member he brings with him the experience of the past year and learns from the careful and deliberate consideration of the various topics discussed much useful knowledge that can and will be practically applied during the succeeding years, with us the days of the blustering, drinking and fighting firemen are of the past and we have in his stead the cool headed careful firemen whose only object is to help his neighbor in the hour of need and gain for himself and company an honorable record and to be regarded as a member of an honored profession with honorable associations instead of the miserable associates and almost worthless system of bygone days, this great and glorious revolution in our Volunteer Fire Service may be attributed and is to a great extent due to the workings of our association, the great object of which is and has been to bring into its ranks our best men from the various walks of life to educate and elevate its members, and by so doing become a lasting benefit to mankind in general, and whoever is so benefitted will make his influence felt by all his associates and surroundings.

At these annual meetings you will always find inventors and manufacturers of the best and most highly approved Fire apparatus, such a collection as would be almost impossible to find in any department, you have ample opportunity to examine them and exchange views with brother members in regard to their practical uses.

These meetings are looked forward to anxiously and with the most cheering prospects, it is the Firemen's Holiday, a respite from the toils and cares of life, it is like the reunion of some great family rather than a business meeting, a social intercourse with brother firemen from far and near, and in every city and town where we meet in all sides from the humblest peasant's cottage to the palace of the millionaier, are words of welcome and good cheer, each and all anxious to honor the boys who protect their home. It is a common expression among delegates who attend these conventions for the first time that they will never miss another. Brother Firemen of Pennsylvania, I congratulate you on the step you have taken toward organizing a State Association, it is a step in the right direction, and one that will be a lasting benefit, it has been my earnest desire to see this movement started, and I have labored earnestly for it, and I can assure you gentlemen, that none among you rejoices more than I on this occasion.

I will not trespass longer on your valuable time, as I know you have much important work to do. As a Volunteer Firemen of the State of New York, I extend to you the right hand of fellowship, I thank you for the honor conferred upon me, and that you may live long and prosper is my heartfelt desire.

On motion, it was resolved that the Essay of Mr. C. H. Sliney be received and published in the report of the proceedings.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws reported as follows: That owing to the short time allotted to the committee, the draft had been made principally from the Constitution and By-Laws of the New York Association, and asked to hold over until the next year.

On motion, the report of the committee was received, and the convention proceed to take up each section singly and act upon it.

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W. W. WUNDER,
A. K. NEBINGER,
JOHN SLINGLUFF,
M. McMAHON,
B. BRYSON McCOOL,
J. K. BARR,
JERE. CARL.

On motion, the Order of Business was adopted as read.

On motion, the Constitution and By-Laws were adopted as a whole.

Mr. J. K. Barr, of Lancaster, offered the following resolution:

Resolved that a committee of seven be appointed by the President to present to the next Annual Convention a plan whereby the Convention can form a Fire Association for the Insurance of property, similar to the Fire Asssciation of Philadelphia.

On motion, the resolution was adopted as read.

The President appointed the following committee.

J. K. BARR, of Lancaster.
S. H. ETTLA, of Harrisburg.
JOHN SLINGLUFF, of Norristown.
S. E. ANCONA, of Reading.
G. L. ROBERTS, of Bradford.
W. H. HORN, of Catasaqua.
W. P. KELLY, of Scranton.

Committee on Insurance.

On motion of J. K. Barr, of Lancaster, the selection of a place for holding the next meeting be fixed for 2 o'clock P. M. So agreed.

The following communication from Clifford Thomson, Editor *Firemen's Journal.* Was read.

NEW YORK, December 13th, 1880.

To the Officers and Members of the Pennsylvania Firemen's Association:

GENTLEMEN:—I congratulate you on the organization of a State Association, confident that such organization will greatly tend to the development of a warmer brotherly feeling among the Firemen of Pennsylvania, and to promote their interests in many ways. I wish you the greatest success in all your endeavors. Regretting my inability to accept an invitation tendered me to be present by one deeply interested in your success, I beg to offer you the use of the columns of the Journal gratuitously at any time you can make them available to promote the welfare of your association. Many of the Firemen of Pennsylvania are readers of the Journal, and I believe they will bear witness that it is honestly and exclusively devoted to the interests of the Firemen of the country. Again wishing you every success, and predicting the best results from your present gathering. I am

Very Truly Yours,
CLIFFORD THOMSON,
Editor Journal.

Mr. Fleming, of Reading, moved that the *Firemen's Journal* be adopted as the official organ of the Association. Which was so agreed to.

The following telegram was read from the Humane Fire Company of Norristown:

"The Humane Engine Company desires to thank the Convention for the honor conferred on our President and delegate Henry A. Derr."

W. J. BOYD.

A motion was adopted that the telegram be received and spread upon the minutes.

The following communication was read from Franklin Fire Department:

FRANKLIN, PA., December 14th, 1880.

DEAR SIR:—Your circular in regards to Firemen's Convention to be held in your city on the 16 inst. has been but received to-day, and so too late for our department to send delegates as requested, while we deeply regret the unfortunate delay in receiving your circular we are assured that the matters relating to this section of the State will be ably presented to the convention by our neighbor Firemen from Oil City, who I understand left this P. M. for your city. The Franklin Fire Department while unable to be present by delegates, are in full sympathy with the movement, and are willing and ready to take any part that may be assigned them in perfecting a permanent organization. Hoping you may be successful and your proceedings harmonious, I remain yours, &c.

GEO. O. ELLIS,
Chief, Fire Department, Franklin, Pa.

A motion was then made to adjourn and lost.

On motion, that the motion as adopted to designate the next place of meeting be at 2 o'clock P. M., be rescinded. So agreed by a vote of 61 to 40.

A motion to adjourn was made and lost.

W. Haywood, of Conshohocken, moved that the association proceed to designate the next place of meeting. Which was so agreed to.

Mr. Fleming, of Reading, in the following speech, presented the claims of the City of Reading for being made the choice of the next meeting of the association. This being the place wherein the association had its birth, and inasmuch as the Fire Department of the City of Reading had contemplated holding a Grand Parade and Tournament last September, it was postponed until the next year to continue for three days, and I promise that if Reading should be chosen that the Firemen would originate a Grand Tournament such as had never before been held in this State, at which prizes would be offered that all would be delighted to compete for. It is proposed to make it a friendly contest to last two or three days and promise the delegates such a time as they never had before if they should choose Reading. We do not intend to limit the competitors to Pennsylvania, but invite companies from Maine to California. The prizes will be awarded to the companies making the finest appearance in the line of parade. To the Hose Company making the best run, laying a line of hose and getting water at the branch pipe. To the Hook and Ladder Company making the best run, take a certain ladder from the Truck, elevate it and send a man to the top and back again, &c., &c., &c. Business men of New York and Philadelphia have promised prizes to a great value, and no doubt the merchants of this city will gladly respond to the call. On behalf of the Firemen of Reading, the Mayor and citizens generally, I ask this Convention to make choice of our city for their next meeting, should any other city, town, or villages make the same offer, I would gladly vote for it.

Mr. S. S. Childs, of Harrisburg, presented the name of Harrisburg for the next place of holding the meeting, claiming for it being centrally located.

Mr. G. L. Roberts, of Bradford, named Bradford, and offered a communication from the Mayor as follows:

BRADFORD, PA.

To the President and Delegates of the Volunteer Fire Department of Pennsylvania:

GENTLEMEN:—In behalf of the citizens of the City of Bradford, I extend to you an invitation to hold your next annual meeting in this city, offering you now the freedom of the city, and assuring you that you will be well entertained by our Fire Department and hospitality received by our citizens, and knowing that it would be something out of the usual course for most of the delegates to visit the Oil country and view it over by gas light, assuring you that you could have as lively time here as you could anywhere in the State.

I respectfully remain yours truly,
JAMES BRODER,
Mayor of the City of Bradford.

S. E. Ancona, of Reading, in a short address, made an earnest appeal for Reading, saying it being in direct communication with all parts of the Commonwealth, and possessed ample accommodations for all who might wish to attend.

A. K. Nebinger, of Harrisburg, also presented the name of his own City; but in the event of its not being chosen, I would designate Bradford inasmuch as the Firemen's interests in that section of the State needs just some such beneficial measures to be taken.

Wm. Haywood, of Conshohocken, advocated Harrisburg as a centrally located city; but I have no complaints to make against the City of Reading, or the treatment and hospitalities so cordially extended by her citizens.

J. K. Barr, of Lancaster, advocated Reading as the next place.

Mr. B. Bryson McCool, of Pottsville, presented Pottsville to the consideration of the body; but being doubtful of such choice being made, I would cast my vote in favor of Bradford, giving my reasons that it is entirely due to the enterprise and energy of Bradford that the western part of the State was represented, and by holding the next convention there, it would have the effect of consolidating the interests of the association in all parts of the Commonwealth.

Altoona was also presented for the next meeting.

A motion was then made that Reading be selected by acclamation and lost.

A motion was then made that a choice should be made by calling of the roll. Which was agreed to, resulted as follows:

For Reading,	72	votes.
" Bradford,	38	"
" Altoona,	2	"

The choice of Reading was then on motion made unanimous.

Mr. Fleming, of Reading, in behalf of the citizens returned thanks for the honor conferred, and assured the Convention a hearty welcome.

S. S. Childs, of Harrisburg, asked that the City of Harrisburg be chosen for 1885, as that city will celebrate its Centennial in that year.

The Convention then adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

December 17th, 1880.

Meeting called to order at 2 o'clock P. M. President H. A. Derr in the chair.

Mr. John McKnight extended to the delegates an invitation to the ball to-night without charge, also invited the delegates in behalf of the Mayor of the City to examine into the workings of the City's Fire Alarm Telegraph.

Mr. S. H. Ettla, of Harrisburg, after a fitting eloquent and appropriate address, wherein he pictured the noble deeds of the Volunteer Fireman, the dangers besetting him and the

misery which ofttimes overtakes his family by reason of his sudden taking off in the field of duty. Offered the following

RESOLUTION:

Resolved, That a committee of be appointed to draft an Act of Assembly to be presented to the next Legislature of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Councils or Municipal authorities of cities, towns, incorporated boroughs, or villages, to appropriate out of the funds raised by taxation, a pension not greater than eight (8) dollars per month to any Fireman who shall have been injured in the performance of his duty as a Fireman. Provided said injury shall either partially or totally prevent such pensioner from obtaining a livelihood.

That at the death of a Fireman, his widow or children shall receive the sum of One Hundred (100) Dollars. And provided he has neither, his funeral expenses shall be paid by the city, town, borough, or village, in which he shall have served.

After considerable number of remarks by Messrs. Etila, Thomas, Barr, Green and McCool.

Mr. McCool, of Pottsville, moved that the resolution be referred to the Executive Committee, amended by John Fleming, of Reading, by adding "with instructions that the committee report an act in time to be presented at the next meeting of the Legislature."

A. K. Nebinger, of Harrisburg, spoke in opposition to any such reference, and proceeded to explain the law in reference to the granting of State appropriations. The motion as amended was lost. The resolution after being seconded by 20 members that it be referred to the Executive Committee to have a bill prepared to be presented to the next Legislature. Was agreed to.

Mr. Nebinger moved that the Executive Committee be instructed to report to the members of the Legislature such legislation as may be desired. So agreed.

John Fleming, of Reading, presented a proposed act prepared two years ago, to provide for an assessment upon Foreign Insurance Companies doing business in this State.

The proposed bill was read together with certain correspondence relating thereto, after which, on motion, the papers be referred to the Executive Committee. So agreed.

A motion was then made that the annual dues be two (2) dollars of each Company and Chief Engineers belonging to the Association to be paid into the Treasury by the fifteenth of January next. Amended that the dues be raised per capita tax according to membership, after considerable debate the amendment was lost, and the original motion that the annual dues be fixed at $2.00, was carried and so ordered.

On motion, that the delegates and alternates to the next annual convention be elected by the different companies at their April meetings, and that the Secretaries of said companies be requested to report the delegates to the Corresponding Secretary of the Association. So agreed.

A motion was made that there be 1500 copies of the proceedings of the meeting, together with the Constitution and By-Laws be printed, and a copy supplied to each delegate, amended that a copy be furnished each Fire Company in the State. Adopted.

On motion, A. K. Nebinger was elected a delegate to represent the Association at the National Association of Fire Engineers at Richmond, Va.

Mr. B. B. McCool, of Pottsville, moved that a committee of two be appointed in order to relieve the Secretary in some of his labors to prepare the proceedings for publication. So agreed.

Committee—Messrs. B. B. McCool and John Fleming.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. F. J. Rice, of Bethlehem.

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention are due and are hereby tendered to the Committee of Arrangements of the Fire Department of Reading for the admirable arrangements made, and for the courtesy shown the delegates representing the Volunteer Firemen of Pennsylvania.

A resolution of thanks was tendered to President Derr for the able, impartial and generous manner in which he had governed and conducted the proceedings of the convention.

The hour of four having arrived, the President announced that there would be a test of the Fire Alarm calling the Fire Department of the city out within a few minutes.

When on motion, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest, W. W. WUNDER,
Secretary.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Name of Delegate.	No.	Name of Company.	Location.
Ancona, S. E.	6	Hampden Steam Fire Engine,	Reading.
Andrews, J. L.	...	Chief Engineer Fire Department,	Bradford.
Andrews, Mathias	5	Columbia Hose,	Scranton.
Ashmore, Frank W.	...	Franklin Fire,	South Easton.
Bibighaus, H. Thos.	1	Perseverance Steam Fire,	Lebanon.
Bower, Andrew J.	1	Hanley Hose,	Chester.
Boyer, How'd F.	...	Chief Engineer Fire Department,	Reading.
Bartsch, John	1	Columbia Hose & Steam Fire Engine,	Shenandoah.
Bradley, F. E.	1	Era Hook and Ladder,	Bradford.
Bodine, Geo. A.	3	Whitney Hose,	Bradford.
Boyer, Horace G.	2	Fairmount Engine,	Norristown.
Bostick, Joseph B.	1	Mount Vernon Hook and Ladder,	Harrisburg.
Bishop, Geo. M.	1	Phœnix Hose & Hook & Ladder,	Phœnixville.
Bossert, H. R.	1	Good Will Fire,	Pottstown.
Bushar, C. W.	1	Good Intent,	Pottsville.
Barr, J. K.	5	American Fire,	Lancaster.
Brown, H. A.	2	Junior Steam Fire Engine,	Reading.
Carpenter, J.	1	Union Steam Fire Engine & F. H.,	Lancaster.
Carl, Jere.	1	Vigilant Fire,	York.
Childs, Sullivan S.	5	Friendship Fire,	Harrisburg.
Collins, Richard	1	Marion Hose,	Mauch Chunk.
Collins, Richard	2	Phœnix Hose,	Mauch Chunk.
Collins, Richard	1	Rescue Hook and Ladder,	Mauch Chunk.
Dwyer, Wm.	...	Chief Engineer Fire Department,	Oil City.
Dunn, John	2	Citizen Steam Fire Engine,	Mahanoy City.
Derr, Henry A.	1	Humane Fire Engine,	Norristown.
Dillinger, John P.	3	Good Will & Chief Fire Dep't,	Allentown.
Edwards, A. S.	1	Empire Hook and Ladder,	Lancaster.
Ettla, S. H.	2	Hope Steam Fire Engine,	Harrisburg.
Fox, Daniel B.	5	Bates Hose,	Oil City.
Fisher, John N.	1	Rescue Hook and Ladder,	Minersville.
Fields, John W.	2	Washington Hose,	Danville.
Fuller, Chas. A.	2	Junior Hose,	Chamsbersburg.
Ferber, H. F.	1	Franklin,	Scranton.
Farber, George	3	Relief Engine,	Scranton.
Fager, George C.	3	Citizen Steam Fire Engine,	Harrisburg.
Fryer, Oliver	1	Empire Hook and Ladder,	Pottstown.
Fordney, Wm. J.	...	Chief Engineer Fire Department,	Lancaster.
Franklin, Walter M.	6	Humane Fire,	Lancaster.
Goodman, P. S.	7	Shiffler Fire,	Lancaster.
Green, Jas. A.	...	Cumberland Steam Fire Engine,	Carlisle.
Gift, Daniel S.	4	Columbia Steam Fire Engine,	Allentown.
Gilhool, John H.	1	Nay-Aug Hose,	Scranton.
Gardner, E. C.	1	Washington Fire,	Mechanicsburg.
Greenawalt, Aaron	6	Paxton Steam Fire Engine,	Harrisburg.
Gemberling, E. F.	1	Susquehanna Hose,	Seilin's Grove.
Graybill, George	4	Rescue Steam Fire Engine & Hose,	York.
Gable, Jacob	1	Sun Engine and Hose,	Lancaster.
Hagenbuch, Wallace	2	Rescue Hose & Hook & Ladder,	Bloomsburg.
Horning, George L.	1	Franklin Fire,	Chester.
Haywood, Wm.	1	Washington Hose & Steam Fire Eng.	Conshohocken.
Hernon, Daniel	3	Neversink Steam Fire Engine,	Reading.
Holl, H. H.	2	Washington Hose & Hook & Ladder,	Reading.
Horn, William H.	1	Phœnix Steam Fire Engine,	Catasaqua.
Hogan, Sylvester	2	Phœnix,	Pottsville.
James, T. J.	1	Rescue Hook and Ladder,	Shenandoah.
James, Jr., Harry	1	Rescue,	Shamokin.
Jones, George E.	...	Chief Engineer Fire Department,	Oxford.
Jones, George E.	...	Union Fire,	Oxford.
Kahan, Daniel	4	Vandergrift Hose,	Oil City.
Kipple, Andrew	...	P. R. R. Altoona Steamer,	Altoona.

Name of Delegate.	No.	Name of Company.	Location.
Kelly, Wm. P.	5	Hand in Hand,	Scranton.
Kilpatrick, James	2	Liberty Fire,	South Bethlehem.
Kidd, Alex.	...	Reliance Fire,	Bethlehem.
Krause, E. J.	8	Union Fire,	Carlisle.
Lyman, John A.	1	Pioneer Hose & Hook & Ladder,	Hazleton.
Llewelyn, David	1	Washington Fire,	Ashland.
Lumley, E. J.	7	Allen Steam Fire Engine,	Allentown.
Lenich, Charles	5	Humane Hose,	Lebanon.
Longaker, M. S.	1	Philadelphia Steam Fire Engine,	Pottstown.
Lerch, A. J.	1	Liberty Steam Fire Engine,	Middletown.
McGarvey, Wm. J.	2	Columbia Hose,	Oil City.
Moyer, Jerome J.	1	Keystone Hook and Ladder,	Myerstown.
Miller, J. B.	1	Washington Hose,	Lebanon.
McMannis, T. F.	4	United Hose,	Bradford.
McMahon, M.	1	Johnson Hose,	Bradford.
MacColl, W. W.	1	Citizen Hose,	Duke Centre.
McKee, A. C.	8	Mt. Pleasant Fire,	Harrisburg.
McVegle, John F.	...	Independent Fire,	Minersville.
Meloy, J. L.	1	Good Will,	Carlisle.
Malthauer, J.	1	Perseverance Fire,	Bethlehem.
Moyer, Hiram	2	American Hose,	Pottsville.
McCool, B. Bryson	1	Humane Hose & Steam Fire Engine,	Pottsville.
Marshall, Jas. H.	4	Washington,	Lancaster.
Nebinger, Al. K.	7	Good Will Steam Fire Engine,	Harrisburg.
Nothaker, Henry	1	Sunbury,	Sunbury.
Neiman, E. L.	1	Norristown Hose,	Norristown.
Newman, Daniel J.	4	Crystal Hose,	Scranton.
Owen, Samuel	1	Friendship Fire Engine & Hose,	Shamokin.
Phillippi, John R.	1	Rainbow Steam Fire Engine,	Reading.
Pentz, B. C.	3	Union Steam Fire Engine,	York.
Printz, Thos. G.	4	Friendship Steam Fire Engine,	Reading.
Quinn, John H.	...	Atkins Fire,	Pottsville.
Roberts, Geo. L.	...	Fire Police,	Bradford.
Rose, Frederick	2	Neptune Hose,	Scranton.
Russel, John L.	1	Friendship Fire,	Lancaster.
Rhoads, A. M.	...	Empire Hook and Ladder,	Carlisle.
Rice, F. J.	1	Nisky Hook and Ladder,	Bethlehem.
Sterner, A. W.	1	Good Will Hose,	Minersville.
Streng, Louis K.	1	Eagle Hose,	Pittson.
Sharpless, Charles	1	Moyamensing Hook & Ladder,	Chester.
Smith, W. W.	1	Empire Hook and Ladder,	Altoona.
Stoever, Daniel D.	1	American Hose,	Ashland.
Spang, George H.	1	Union Fire,	Lebanon.
Steel, Samuel A.	1	Huntingdon Fire,	Huntingdon.
Steel, Samuel A.	3	Phœnix,	Huntingdon.
Steel, Samuel A.	...	Independent Hook and Ladder,	Huntingdon.
Safford, J. S.	1	Go Devil Hook and Ladder,	Duke Centre.
Shirer, E. N.	6	Phœnix Hose,	Scranton.
Smoyer, Levi	5	Liberty Fire,	Allentown.
Stillwell, S. B.	...	Citizen Fire Association,	Scranton.
Snyder, J. R.	4	Gen. Phinney Engine,	Scranton.
Stillwell, S. B.	...	Chief Engineer Fire Department,	Scranton.
Schenck, John	2	Vigilant Steam Fire Engine,	Altoona.
Schroeder, George W.	2	Vigilant Steam Fire Engine,	Columbia.
Sheeder, Benj. F.	5	Liberty Steam Fire Engine,	Reading.
Slingluff, John	1	Montgomery Hose & Steam Fire E.,	Norristown.
Sellers, John F.	2	Diligence Hose,	Bethlehem.
Seckelman, S. Chas.	...	Chief Engineer Fire Department,	Bethlehem.
Thomas, Selem S.	...	Liberty Fire,	Lebanon.
Van Reed, Well.	1	Reading Hose & Steam Fire Engine,	Reading.
Wunder, W. W.	1	Keystone Truck & Salvage Corps,	Reading.
Waltz, H. J.	...	Washington Ind. Fire,	Sunbury.
Williams, Wm. M.	2	Citizen Hose,	Bradford.
Wolfinger, Levi	4	Washington Hose,	Harrisburg.
Weaber, Wm. B.	...	Friendship Hose,	Lebanon.
Witman, Aug. H.	1	Mountaineer Hose,	Minersville.
Winchester, S. W.	1	Truck,	Oxford.
Ziegler, H. J.	8	Excelsior,	Scranton.
Ziegler, James B.	1	Laurel Steam Fire Engine,	York.

Some of the Objects, Aims and Benefits of Calling a Convention of Volunteer Firemen of the State of Pennsylvania.

While our State contains many Fire Organizations, and her Firemen are noted for many brave and meritorious deeds, yet she contains no centre for her Firemen to come to and meet as one body, centering together her steadily increasing fire protection.

The "Firemen's Union," of the City of Reading, at a regular meeting held October 18th, 1880, unanimously resolved that the Secretary be authorized to communicate with all Volunteer Fire Departments, requesting them to send a delegate for the purpose of organizing an Association of Volunteer Firemen of the State of Pennsylvania, and place in existence a central harbor, for one and all, wherever located, to yearly meet, giving and receiving the experiences of years of honorable services, preserving as lasting examples for coming generations the deeds of those who have made famous their especial location, or condemning as unworthy of our example the acts of those unworthy the name we bear.

Therefore, one of its aims is the giving of the occasion for the exchange of the views and to bring together the large body of representative men to discuss, in a business manner, the welfare and proper conduct of the various bodies who take an interest to delegate representatives; also, that we may confer together in such strength that we will command the attention and gain for the Volunteer Firemen State Protection. One of its objects, the enactment of beneficial Fire laws, and to manifest to the public that Firemen have rights which they have the ability to maintain, and the people whose property to a certain extent is placed in their keeping ought to respect and encourage in every proper and laudible manner.

The better to accomplish this desirable result, our aim should be to have the best men take an interest in its deliberations; companies should appoint delegates well qualified to discuss the different topics brought up, and, in justice to those they represent, they should make themselves familiar with the different subjects, or with a special subject, and orally or in writing be ready to submit it to the judgment and consideration of the Association in Convention assembled. Again, one of its aims is to instill within the minds of Firemen that they can perform all the duties of Firemen, and at the same time prove themselves to be gentlemen. It should be the aim of the Association to place themselves before the Firemen of the State so as to command the respect and confidence of all; to present to the unrepresented Fire Organizations sufficient information to enable them to be informed of the advantages of

membership and active participation in the deliberations of the Convention, and yet not sufficient to give to them all its benefits without representation. It should also be the object of the Association to fully furnish to its members all useful fire knowledge acquired, and keep in compact form, easy of access, the accumulated information of years. In Convention assembled, its objects should be to make more conspicuous the noble spirit that prevails among Firemen, and when properly directed tends to greater ease and more refined intercourse one with another. In closing it would be well to impress upon the delegates the importance of urging upon all Companies to join the Association, and help forward the good work the Association can certainly do. That it can be of good, practical good to the Volunteer Firemen of our State.

The next Convention will be held at Reading, when after the adjournment of the Association there will be a general parade and tournament of all Fire Departments of this and adjoining States, when a trial of Hose and Hook and Ladder Companies will be made and prizes awarded to the most efficient, also to the companies making the finest display in ranks, uniforms, and for the best drilled company, &c.

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To the Company having the finest equipments in line.

To the best drilled company in line.

To the Company making the Finest Appearance in line.

To the Company having the Finest Apparatus in line both Hose Carriage or Truck.

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To Truck Companies making the best run, &c.

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